

In the Claims

The following listing of the claims replaces all previous listings.

1-10. (Cancelled)

11. (Previously Presented) A viscous composition for topical application to treat ulcers or superficial injuries containing glycerol or a concentrated solution of glycerol, sucrose, sorbitol, or mannitol as active principle, the composition being osmotically active compared to the blood plasma.
12. (Previously Presented) A viscous composition for topical application according to the claim 11 wherein the glycerol is employed as active principle.
13. (Previously Presented) A viscous composition for topical application according to the claims 11 wherein the sorbitol or mannitol are employed as active principles.
14. (Previously Presented) A viscous composition for topical application according to the claims 11 wherein the concentration of active principle in the viscous composition is superior to 300 milliosmoles (mOsm).
15. (Previously Presented) A viscous composition for topical application according to the claim 14 wherein the concentration of active principle in the viscous composition is superior to 500 milliosmoles (mOsm).
16. (Previously Presented) A viscous composition for topical application according to the claims 11 wherein the concentration of active principle in the viscous composition is such that the quantity of diluant (solvent) is less than 70%.
17. (Previously Presented) A viscous composition for topical application according to the claim 16 wherein the concentration of active principle in the viscous composition is such that the quantity of diluant (solvent) is less than 20%.

18. (Previously Presented) A viscous composition for topical application according to the claims 11 wherein at least one osmotically active substance is associated with an antiseptic, a product to stimulate cell growth, or an healing agent.
19. (Previously Presented) A viscous composition for topical application according to the claim 18 wherein the cell growth agent is an extract of *Alchemilla vulgaris*.
20. (Previously Presented) A viscous composition for topical application according to the claims 11 where the composition is a pharmaceutical reparation or an oral hygiene product.
21. (Previously Presented) Use of Glycerol, or a concentrated solution of glycerol, sucrose, sorbitol, or mannitol in osmotically active concentrations compared to the blood plasma, to obtain a composition designed to treat mucous ulcers such as oral ulcers or skin injuries.